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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 17601.35a.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of |                                | )          |
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|                      | Gerd Seibold, et al.           | )          |
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| Serial No.:          | 10/523,166                     | ) Art Unit |
|                      |                                | ) 3734     |
| Filed:               | December 2, 2005               | )          |
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| For:                 | APPARATUS FOR SEALING SURGICAL | )          |
|                      | PUNCTURES                      | )          |
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| Confirmation No.:    | 8236                           | )          |
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| Customer No.:        | 057360                         | )          |
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| Examiner:            | Eric D Blatt                   | )          |

AMENDMENT “B” AND RESPONSE

VIA eFILE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2008 (the “Office Action”), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.